

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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USDA CONSUMER PACK CHICKENS PURCHASE PROGRAM RE-OPENED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced that the purchase program under Announcement PY-233 for frozen consumer pack chickens for domestic food nutrition assistance programs has re-opened.

Offers are invited from the trade for frozen U.S. Grade A ready-to-cook young chickens, with neck and giblets. Individual chickens must weigh 3 to 4.25 pounds (1.36 to 1.93 kg) per carcass weighed without necks and giblets. The commodity must be commercially labeled and packed in individual plastic-film bags with 10-12 chickens per fiberboard shipping container. An individual shipping container must weigh 36 to 44 pounds (16.33 to 19.96 kg). A purchase unit will total 39,000 pounds (17,962 kg).

Invitation No. 009, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, Feb. 12, is being issued this week. The invitation will include destinations and estimated quantities for five delivery periods. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Feb. 16, for product to be delivered from April 1 to June 15.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended; Announcement PY-233; Appendix-1, as amended; and the Commodity Specification for Frozen Consumer Pack Chickens dated October 1999.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, PO Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456. An electronic version of this food purchase report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>. The Electronic Bid Entry System is available for submitting offers at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>.

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